



# SH 9 Grand County Safety Improvements

Presented by:

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)

# Agenda - SH 9 Public Meeting

April 19, 2012

- Project Background and History
  - Project Limits/Description
  - Public/Private Partnership
- Purpose and Need
  - Types of Safety Issues
- Identified Safety Improvements
  - Wildlife Mitigation Strategies
  - Highway Improvements
- Questions and Comments

# Project Background and History

**Project Location:** SH 9 Milepost 126 to Milepost 137  
(Heeney Road to Colorado River Bridge Crossing)


**Public/Private Partnership:** Colorado Department of Transportation, Grand County, Blue Valley Ranch

## Stakeholders:

- CDOT
- Grand County
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- BLM
- Public

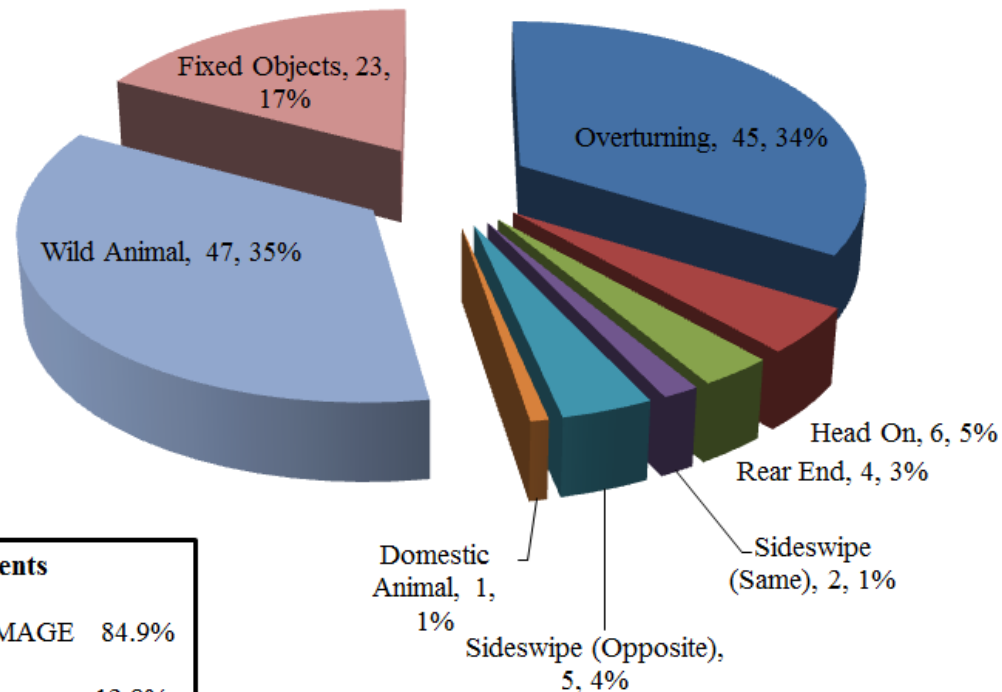


# Purpose and Need for Project: Accident History

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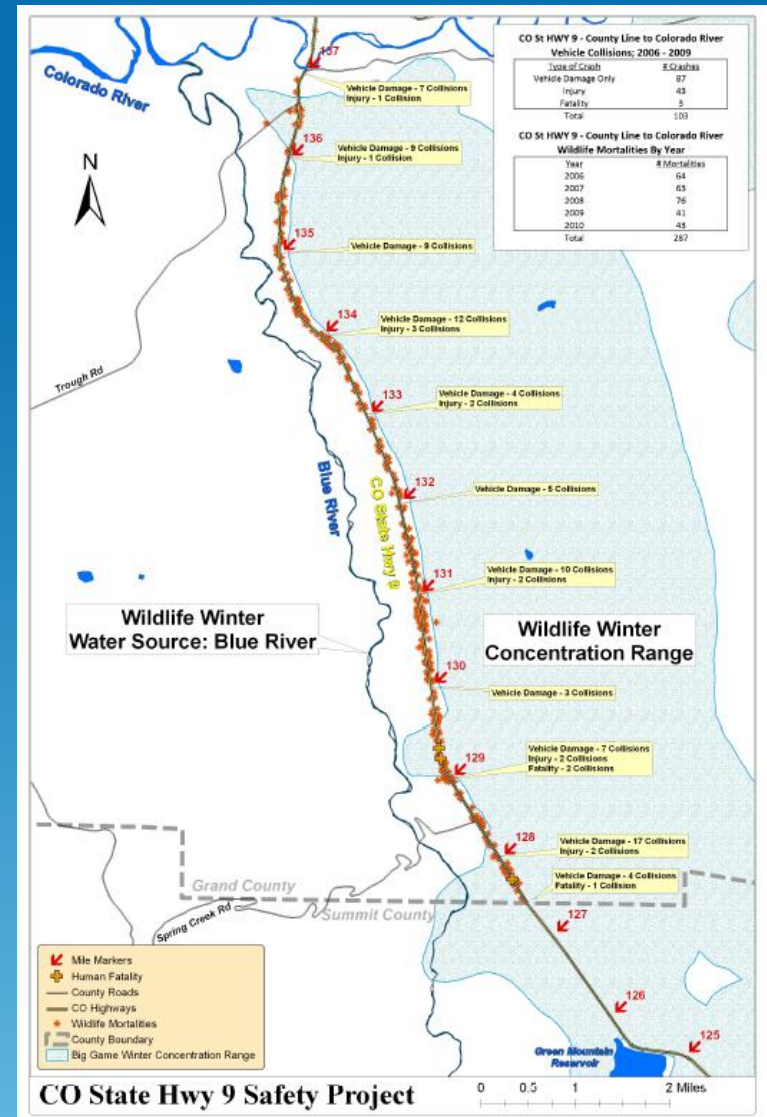
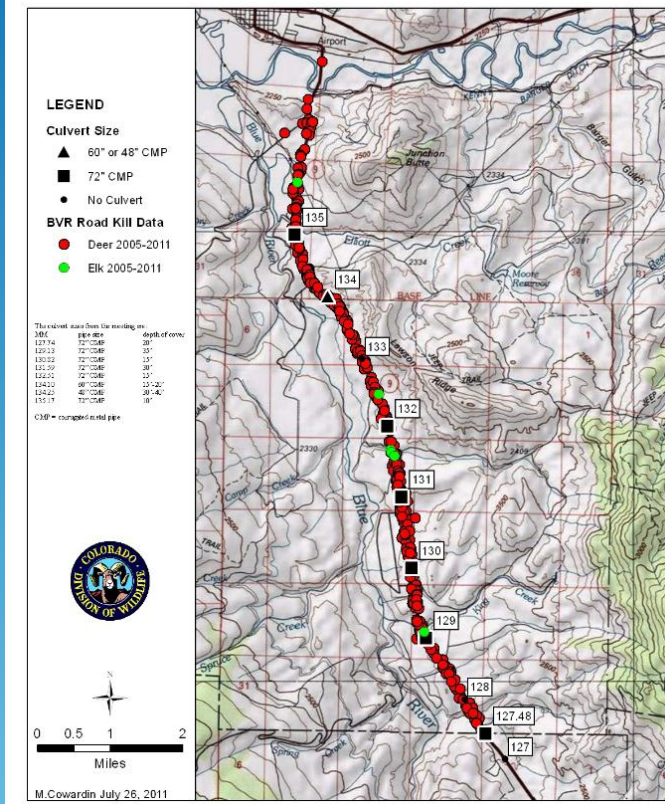
## ACCIDENT SUMMARY REPORT 2007-2011 SH9 MP 126 - MP 136.65



133 Accidents		
113	PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	84.9%
17	INJURIES	12.8%
3	FATALITIES	2.3%

# Wildlife/Vehicle Accidents along SH 9

Approximate Culvert Location and BVR Road Kill Data from 2005 - 2011 for Highway 9

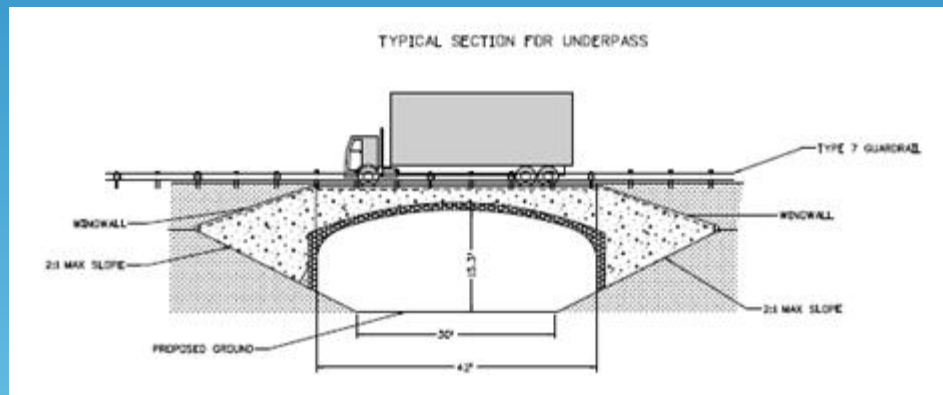
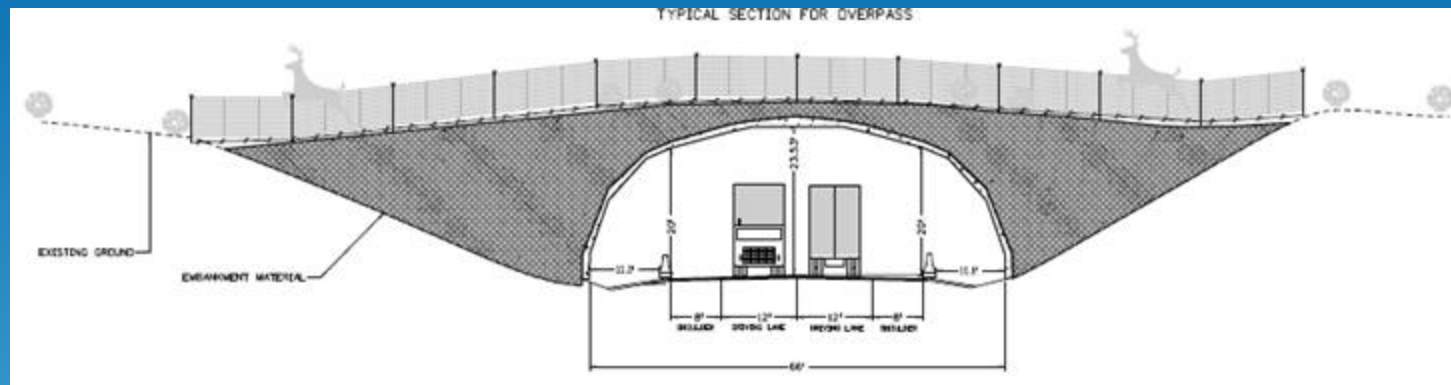




# Identified Safety Improvements

- Add Wildlife crossings
- Install wildlife fence along right-of-way
- Improve Horizontal and Vertical Alignments to meet 65 mph design speed
- Widen roadway template to include 8 foot shoulders
- Flatten side slopes to allow vehicle recovery area
- New signing and striping
- Add safety devices (guardrail) where required
- New drainage structures

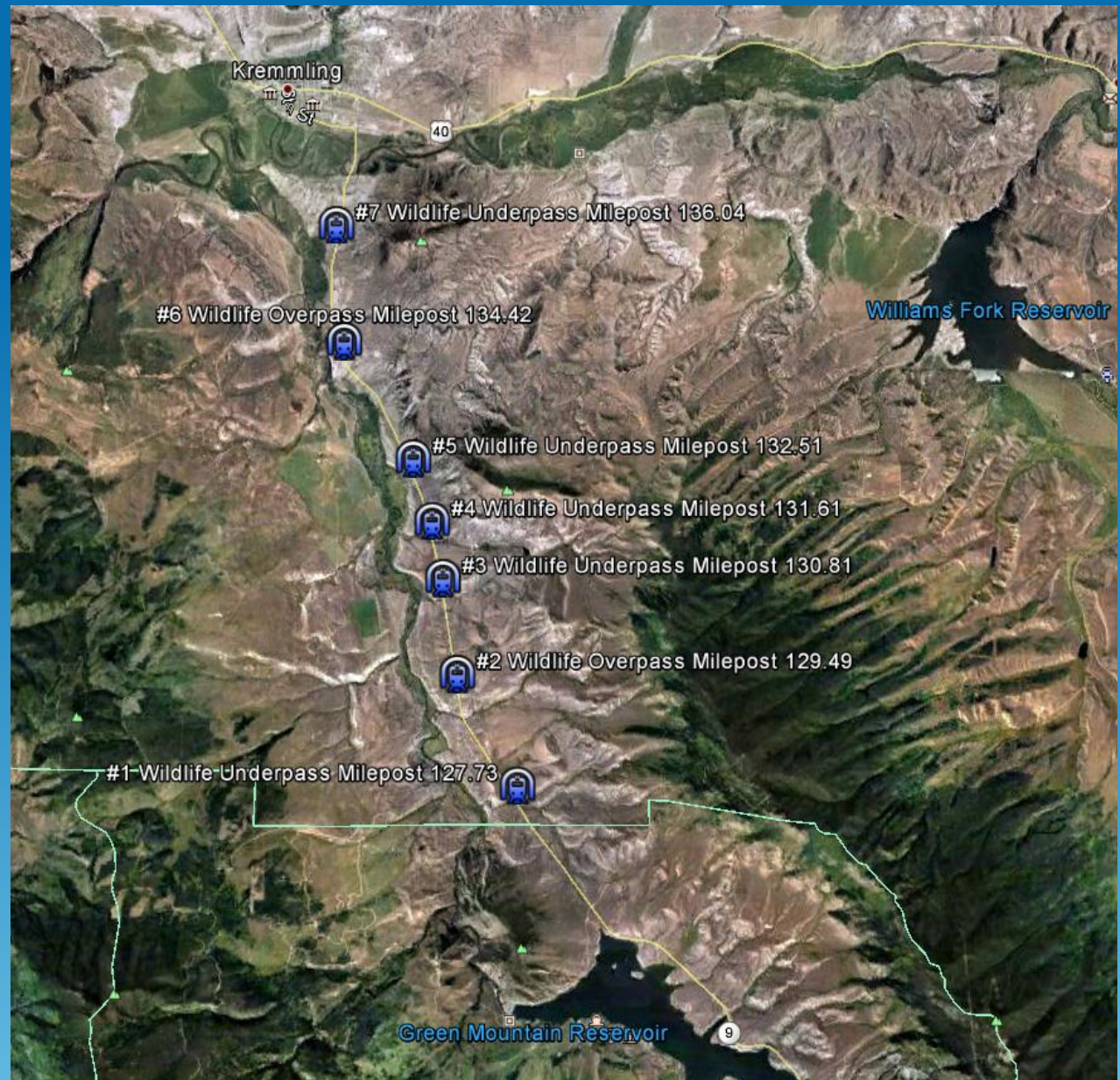
## Add Wildlife Crossings (Underpass/Overpass)





# Identified Wildlife Crossing Locations

- 7 locations
- 2 Overpass
- 5 Underpass



Successful results  
from other States  
that have  
installed wildlife  
crossings

- Wyoming
- Nevada
- Utah





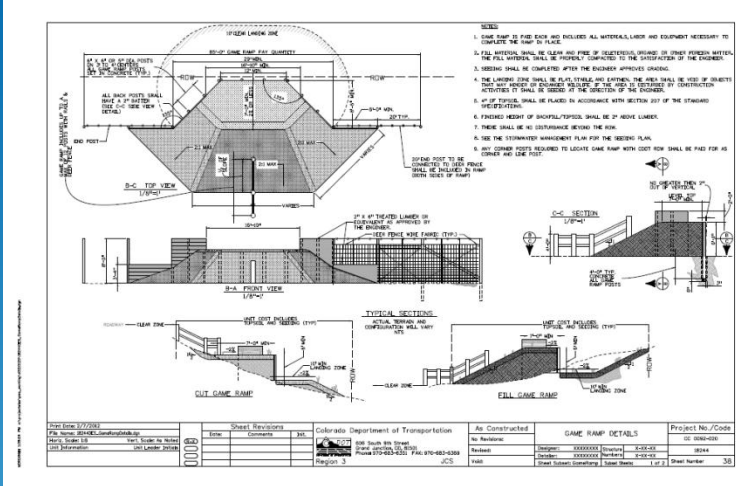
# Examples of Typical Crossings

Overpass  
(Right)



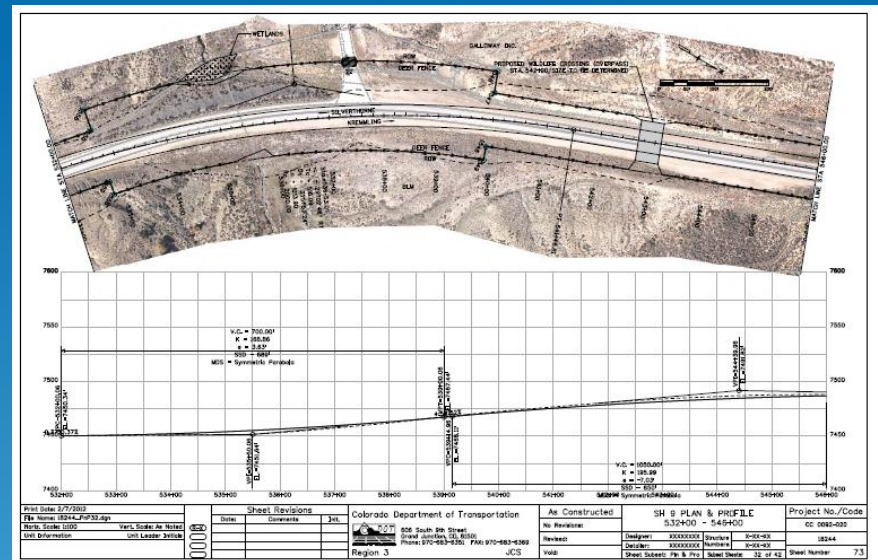
Underpass  
(Left)

# Install Wildlife Fence along Right-of-Way



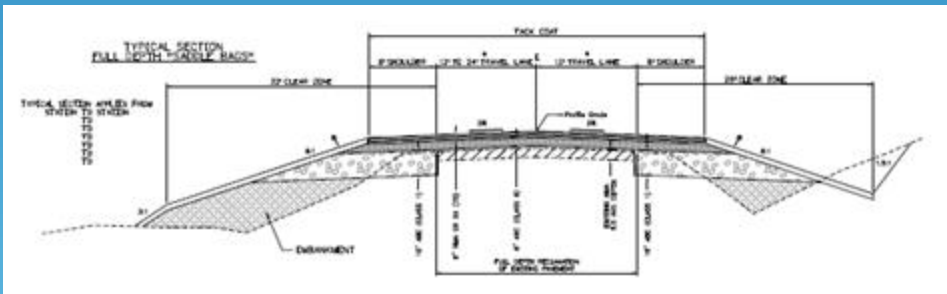


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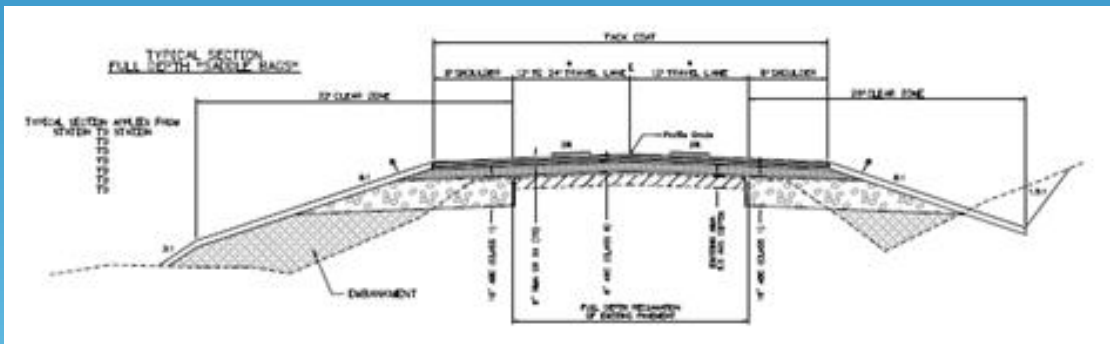
Similar to improvements  
on SH 131 and SH 13

(Reconstruct)



(Saddlebag)

# Flatten Side Slopes to Allow Vehicle Recovery Area

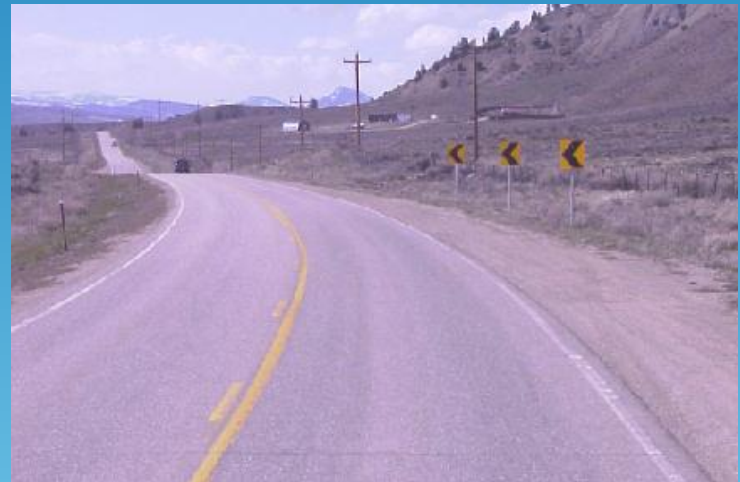




# New Signing and Striping



# Add Safety Devices (Guardrail, Delineators, Rumble Strips, etc.)



# New Drainage Structures





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## Questions or Comments



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